

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held September 30th, 2013
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, in Boards and Commissions Room,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

Call Meeting to Order at 1:02 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Mike Martinez*
2. *Council Member Laura Morrison*
3. *Council Member Chris Riley*

1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, August 20th, 2013.

Motion by Council Member Riley to approve the Minutes of the August 20th, 2013 meeting, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion carries, 3-0.

2. Citizen Communications.

- Suzanne Santos and
- Selena Booth on Farmer's Market Permits

3. Staff briefing and possible action on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which focuses on four areas: obesity prevention, access to healthy foods, transportation, and primary/mental/behavioral health care; and 1st year implementation activities. (Shannon Jones, Deputy Director, HHSD; Filip Gecic, Manager, HHSD).

Deputy Director Shannon Jones presented on the progress of the CHIP. Council Members Martinez and Morrison asked about Healthy Food Zones around schools. Council Member Riley characterized the report as "timely" given health oriented efforts in the community such as urban farms, bicycle policies, and CAMPO. Committee members asked that their respective staffs be invited to future CHIP community efforts.

Motion to accept the CHIP report and support as presented by Council Member Morrison, seconded by Council Member Riley, motion carries, 3-0.

4. Discussion and possible action on Huston-Tillotson University's effort to create a wellness center and engage a team of minority mental and behavioral health practitioners and researchers. (Dr. Roderick Smothers, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement, Huston-Tillotson University)

Motion by Council Member Riley to extend the PHHS Committee's support of the Huston-Tillotson University 21st Century Solutions Based Listening Tour, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion carries, 3-0.

5. **Presentation of the Asian American Assessment and health issues that need to be addressed within the fastest growing population in Austin/Travis County. (Lesley Varghese, Executive Director, Asian American Resource Center).**

Committee members referenced the recently opened Asian American Resource Center. The presentation noted several areas of concern and was well received. Members asked staff to look further into departmental communication protocol and resources for the various languages used by residents.

6. **Staff briefing and possible action on proposed Farmer's Market Ordinance which will provide for a new category of annual Farmers' Market Permit. (David Lopez, Assistant Director, HHSD).**

Item #6 withdrawn by staff.

7. **Discussion and possible action regarding the future of Ecology Action's recycling services and options for a future site location (Brent Perdue, Co-Director, Ecology Action).**

Motion by Council Member Riley to direct city staff to work with Ecology Action to find a temporary and/or new facility, seconded by Council Member Morrison, motion carries, 3-0.

8. **Staff briefing and possible action on a proposed Public Interactive Water Features and Fountains Ordinance (PIWFFs) that will provide for plan review, permitting, inspection and investigation of PIWFFs. (David Lopez, Assistant Director, HHSD).**

Motion by Council Member Riley to adopt staff proposed ordinance regarding PIWFFs and recommend support to the full Council, seconded by Council Member Martinez, motion carries, 2-0, with Council Member Morrison off the dais.

9. **Staff briefing and possible action regarding \$3.8 million in the 2012 Bond Program for the renovation and expansion of the existing Women and Children's Shelter (Robin Camp, Project Manager, Public Works, Filip Gecic, HHS Manager, HHSD).**

Staff suggested it may take as long as 32 months to complete the Woman and Children's Shelter Bond improvements. Council Member Martinez asked if there could be any further funding from this November's Affordable Housing Bond election. Kym Maddox said she would follow up with Betsy Spencer, Neighborhood Housing Director.

Citizen Speaker – Dwight Thompson

10. **Staff update and possible action regarding the targeted outreach efforts of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). (Maria Allen, Manager, HHSD).**

Council Member Martinez asked HHSD staff to bring the Interlocal back to the PHHS Committee for review after discussing with the Sustainable Food Policy Board.

11. **Consider agenda items for next regular meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, October 15th, 2013, or at the call of the committee chair.**

Adjourned at 3:28pm